

Where is God?

2 tim 1 v 2-6 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as *my* forefathers *did*, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, ⁴greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, ⁵when I call to remembrance the ^b**genuine faith** that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. ⁶Therefore I remind you to **stir up the gift of God** which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷**For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.**

genuine faith in your grand mother stir up the gift in you

1. That faith in your mother and grandmother is in YOU- its personal-
2. Faith is transferable – we can share our faith
3. Faith is observable- people can SEE your faith
4. Faith is affected by your character – your faith is genuine – if there is a genuine faith there is a fake faith – reputation will open doors for you but character will keep doors open for you- work on your character

Where is God in my faith journey?

Trials produce the enlargement on the inside of us before we see it on the outside

1. Jesus walked this earth 30 years before he stepped into 3 years of ministry
2. Abraham believed God for 25 years from age 75 to age 100 when Isaac was born
3. Joseph went through his testing and trials for 13 years from age 17 to age 30 when he became prime minister
4. The women with the issue of blood had her condition for 12 years before she laid hold of her healing

Heb 11

⁸**By faith** Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she^g bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had

promised. ¹² **Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead**, were born as *many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” ¹⁹ **concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.**

Gen 15:4-6 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.” **Then He brought him outside** and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

REALITIES of leaving a godly legacy.

2 Tim 2:2-8 ² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³ You therefore must **endure hardship** as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴ No one **engaged in warfare** entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. ⁵ And also if anyone **competes in athletics**, he is not crowned unless he **competes according to the rules**. ⁶ The **hardworking farmer** must be first to **partake of the crops**.

7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee **understanding in all things**.

1. **Commit to learning and growing and being disciplined** – learn how to learn and apply it Prov 24:5 A wise man is strong a man of knowledge increases In strength
2. **You have to disciple others** – we are here for people -show me your disciples
3. **You are a soldier – endurance** – this thing is tough it comes with pain -rise up take up your mat and walk- we don't just enjoy we endure – you will only grow to the threshold of your pain – people don't want to put their hands to the plow in case they get hurt – become a soldier.

Phil 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

2 Corinthians 4:8-18. 8We are hard pressed on all sides, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

10We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11For we who are alive are always consigned to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal body. 12So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

13And in keeping with what is written, "I believed, therefore I have spoken," d we who have the same spirit of faith also believe and therefore speak, 14knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus e will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in His presence. 15All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is extending to more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow, to the glory of God.

17For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸while we **do not look at the things which are seen**, but at the things **which are not seen**. For the things which are seen *are* **temporary**, but the **things which are not seen are eternal**.

James 1:2-5

My brethren, count it **all joy** when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Romans 5:3-6 And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces ^[a]perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, ^[b]character; and character, hope. ⁵Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

4. **Observe the rules:** walk in obedience – following the commandments of God will make you a commander in any field

5. **Those that Work hard** will partake of the crops

1 Cor 3:9-15 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building. ¹⁰According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each one's work

will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If **anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward.** ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

6. **Get understanding** of the value system of heaven- you are either pursuing your kingdom or God's kingdom first you cant pursue both